

## PIONEER DAY: SEPTEMBER 7, 1936

Among the historical documents collected by Lois T. (Norton) Curtis is a clipping, possibly from a newspaper, entitled "Clinton Center Held Annual Pioneer Day," at the top of which is written in pencil "Sept 7 - 1936." It is from a xerographic copy of that clipping that S. Robert Powell typed the copy that is given below.

### Clinton Center Held Annual Pioneer Day

The Pioneer or "Old Home Day" was observed as usual on Labor Day at the Clinton Baptist church. The day being pleasant, many gathered in the dining hall to partake of a bountiful dinner which the ladies had provided. The tables and auditorium were beautifully decorated with flowers. Everyone was in good spirits and at 2 o'clock, the president W. E. Rude called the assemblage to order and a song service was led by A. H. Curtis. Rev. M. D. Singer, pastor of the church, gave the invocation; Song, "The Church In the Wilderness"; Address of Welcome W. E. Rude. It was twenty one years ago today that the monument across the church yard was unveiled in memory of the Old Pioneers, who toiled, prayed and went thru hardships without relief checks, automobiles, luxuries of any kind founded the church in which we are met today. Great men are wanted, great women are needed.

The secretary, Mrs. Lois Curtis read the minutes of last years program which was based on "The Life of Roger Williams". Short readings by Rev. M. D. Singer; recitation, "A place for boys", John Rude; singing, "The Old Spinning Wheel" by the three little Gregory sisters; recitation "The Good Old Times", Calvin Arnold. Rev. A. D. Merrill of the Hawley Baptist church was the speaker of the day and the address was appropriate along the lines of lessons from the lives of the pioneers with present day application of each ones duty to his home, to his church and to his nation. Solo "Far Away" was sweetly rendered by Mrs. Richard Gregory. Closing song, "The Sweet By and By. Benediction by Rev. Singer.